

Texas Health Care Policy Council

Teacher Retirement System of Texas, 5th Floor Boardroom
1000 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78701

PARTNERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stacy Silverman (Chair), Alexia Green (Vice Chair), Theresa Cruz, Maureen Milligan, John Monk, and Ken Shine

MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry Jones and Larry Phillips

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Silverman called the meeting into order at 10:04 a.m. Chair Silverman asked the Texas Health Care Policy Council Executive Officer, Mr. Tony Gilman to take roll. Chair Silverman welcomed members of the subcommittee and guests.

REPROTS, UPDATES AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS

Approval of Minutes from the October 30, 2008 Meeting

Chair Silverman asked members to review Texas Health Workforce Planning Partnership Subcommittee meeting minutes from October 30, 2008. Dr. Ken Shine made a motion to pass the minutes. Dr. Maureen Milligan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Partnership Member Reports

Chair Silverman recognized Dr. Milligan to provide members with a brief update on federal health care reform. Dr. Milligan discussed reform proposals and how they might impact health care workforce demands.

Briefing and Discussion on Nursing Faculty and Education Capacity Policy Report

Chair Silverman recognized Mr. Gilman to brief the subcommittee on the Health Care Policy Council's nursing faculty and education capacity proposal. The Council was interested in developing options for leveraging the state's economic situation to recruit faculty from other states.

Presentation on the Texas Team's Work to Address Nursing Education Capacity

Chair Silverman recognized Dr. Alexia Green to present information on the Texas Team's work addressing nursing education capacity. Dr. Green discussed the Texas Team's strategic plan and regional strategies.

Presentation from the Texas Board of Nursing on Education Program Approval Process

Chair Silverman recognized Katherine Thomas to present information from the Texas Board of Nursing on the education program approval process. Ms. Thomas discussed the process for nursing education program approval and highlighted major trends, including an increase in the number in new programs, an increase in competition for clinical space and faculty, and the emergence of fraudulent programs.

Presentation from the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies on Faculty Demographics and Salaries

Chair Silverman recognized Dr. Aileen Kishi to present information from the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies on faculty demographics and salaries. The data showed a significant gap between the salaries of nurses who work in clinical versus educational settings.

Presentation from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on Faculty Recruitment Programs

Chair Silverman recognized Jane Caldwell to present information from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on faculty recruitment programs. Ms. Caldwell's presentation focused on the state's grant, scholarship, loan forgiveness, loan repayment, and exemption programs for nursing students.

Chair Silverman broke the meeting for lunch at 11:53 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Presentation from the Texas Nurses Association on Faculty and Nursing Education Capacity

Chair Silverman recognized Dr. Beth Mancini to present information from the Texas Nurses Association on faculty and nursing education capacity. Dr. Mancini focused on the causes, impact, and possible remedies to faculty shortages.

Presentation from the Texas Hospital Association on Faculty and Nursing Education Capacity

Chair Silverman recognized Ms. Elizabeth Sjoberg to present information from the Texas Hospital Association on faculty and nursing education capacity. Ms. Sjoberg discussed the role Texas Hospitals have played in increasing nursing faculty capacity.

Future Meeting Dates

Chair Silverman asked Mr. Gilman to brief the subcommittee on future meeting dates for 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Silverman asked for public comment, and there was none.

ADJOURN

Chair Silverman asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Dr. Mulligan and seconded by Dr. Green. The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.